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Top Stories

Corn wars.

The farm-by-farm fight between China and the United States to dominate the global food supply. New Republic

Tianjin blasts: Fears of cyanide pollution as Chinese officials lambasted.

High levels of sodium cyanide have been detected by wastewater monitors amid growing anger at the blasts which killed at least 114 people. The Guardian

Bug-killing book pages clean murky drinking water.

A book with pages that can be torn out to filter drinking water has proved effective in its first field trials. BBC

Proposed mines near southeast Alaska raise concerns.

There are ongoing concerns for the Southeast Alaska fishing, tourism and tribal communities from the contamination threat lying upstream in British Columbia, where mineral mines are being developed, permitted or built. Alaska Dispatch News, Alaska.

China's villagers reject their own crops, citing pollution from nearby chemical plants.

Residents in a village in China do not eat the crops they grow nor drink their local water as their soil and groundwater have been severely polluted by chemical plants nearby. South China Morning Post, China.

Coal-caked home shows danger of

Vietnam's cheap power.

Coal miner Pham Van Tuyen and his family narrowly escaped through a window as floodwaters and slurry inundated their home in northeastern Vietnam last month. Bloomberg Business

Colorado spill heightens debate over future of old mines.

The accident at the Gold King Mine also served as a reminder, some critics say, that the toxic demise could be repeated at any of thousands of abandoned mines around the country. New York Times

Utah, New Mexico clear San Juan River for drinking water.

Communities in northern New Mexico that use the Animas and San Juan rivers for drinking water can resume doing so after officials lifted water restrictions enacted after a leak of contaminants at a Colorado gold mine sent a plume of

pollutants downstream. Associated Press
California drought: 'Emergency situation' for state's trees.

Specimens that have stood tall and strong for decades are stressed and dying because of the drought, as Californians turn off spigots to comply with Gov. Jerry Brown's mandatory conservation measures. San Jose Mercury News, California.

Fukushima operator's mounting legal woes to fuel nuclear opposition.

Four and a half years after the Fukushima disaster, and as Japan tentatively restarts nuclear power elsewhere, the legal challenges are mounting for the crippled plant's operator. Reuters

Five million litres of sewage leaked into Botany Bay.

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Botany Bay after a power outage on Friday, Sydney Water has revealed. Sydney Morning Herald, Australia.

Haworth mayor rebuffed in search for tunnel-safety facts.

As communities across North Jersey raise concerns about trains carrying millions of gallons of crude oil through the region, a federal loophole makes it difficult for local officials to get safety information. Bergen County Record, New Jersey.

New leaf on life? Lettuce focus of drought tolerance study.

Creation of a drought-tolerant lettuce is the goal of a research project under way in Salinas, California. Salinas Californian, California.

Amidst school lunch fight, paid mom bloggers shape the conversation.

Sponsored bloggers are mum over the School Nutrition Association's push to

weaken nutritional standards. Civil Eats
Russia suspends sale of three types of US wine.

Russia's public health watchdog Rospotrebnadzor has banned the sale of three types of US wines, in which the concentration of dangerous chemicals exceeding the standards was found.
Journal of Turkish Weekly, Turkey.

How to beat the drought by hoarding water (if it ever rains again).

Collecting rainwater in our thirsty modern world is a messy business. Here's what you need to know if you're hoping to stick a bucket under a gutter to conserve water and cut down your water bill.

Mother Jones

Montana declares state of emergency as US Northwest battles blazes.

Montana declared a state of emergency on Sunday to battle more than a dozen wildfires as blazes, fueled by drought and

winds, also raged in Oregon, Idaho and the California wine region north of San Francisco. Reuters

Regulatory overhaul panel causes concern in Maryland.

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan's appointment last month of business leaders to guide a broad regulatory overhaul has sparked concerns that he'll roll back important protections for workers, consumers and the environment. Washington Post

Your meat-eating habit is killing more than just cows.

In a new report, a team from Florida International University cited the land degradation, pollution, and deforestation caused by rising global demand for meat as "likely the leading cause of modern species extinctions," and the problem is only expected to get worse. Mother Jones

Barack Obama's quiet war on oil.

The oil and gas industry is in the crosshairs of the administration's eco-agenda, even if Shell gets its Arctic drilling permit. [Politico](#)

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